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Appropriations – DDS

Thank you to the Appropriations Committee co-chairs, Senators Osten and Formica and Representative Walker, and other members of the committee for listening to my testimony today.

My name is Evelyn Addy. I am here to talk about the Governor's proposed cuts to the DDS budget. I work for a private agency called New Seasons, which is funded through DDS.

All that I want to say is that we need money for the upkeep of the clients. Dealing with them is not an easy task, and majority of the agencies are being under paid. New Seasons is a typical example. I've worked there for over ten years and I'm still making the same money, \$15.41.

So tell me, how am I supposed to take care of my family with this money? In this scenario I have to get another job to subsidize. So I have 2 jobs, and running from one to another is not easy because I'm a mother and a wife. I can't even spend time with my family. It is so sad. And I think, if this is not taken care of, it will come to point that will turn good, caring people away from this field.

Please, we are pleading to you to give us some funding. The DDS budget has been cut too much already. Thank you.